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In re Application of WEITHMANN, et al.

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Title: PYRIDINE-2,4-DICARBOXYLIC ACID

DIAMIDES AND PYRIMIDINE-4,6-DICARBOXYLIC ACID DIAMIDES AND THE USE THEREOF FOR SELECTIVELY

INHIBITING COLLAGENASES

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action dated August 26, 2004 ("the Action"), reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.

Also filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and the associated fee.